THE PULPIT

A SUNDAY SERMON BY THE REV. IRA W. HENDERSON, THE FAMOUS DIVINE.

Subject: Clothed With Christ.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Preaching at the Irving Square Presbyterian Church on the theme, "Clothed With Christ," the Rev. Ira Wemmell Henderson pastor, took as his text Romans 12:12 and 14:8: "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord, and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's." He said:

The need to-day in the church of our Lord and Saviour is for men and women who are truly Christ's. The call of God and of the world about us is for men and for women who in life and unto death are the Lord's. High in His Heaven the Father yearns in the deepest recesses of His heart for those souls who will serve the Master tirelessly and with a living faith. The world looks toward the servants of Jehovah for leadership and light. Whichever way we may turn our eyes, we may discern the pleading, beckoning hands of Jesus and of men who want salvation. Do we linger a moment when we may catch the cry of a sin-sick world or may hear the call of God. Beloved, God desires and man needs a strong, fearless, sanctified people, men and to preach the true Christ life. The consummation of the Kingdom and the coming of the Christ depend largely upon the activity of us who are called Christians. The Christ life permits neither standoffills nor repugnance. We must be on the move and that always ahead. To stand still is to stagnate. We must push on. Desire for the noble and grander attainment in the Godblessed life should always accompany us as with a fire. Our faculties should be concentrated and our every earnest success but upon future accomplishment. Self-survey is a good thing if so be it lead not to self-satisfaction. Proper self-survey, however, is most profitable which takes stock of mistakes and which incites to further and finer effort. Belief on Christ is not merely assent to a fact, but the consecration of the soul to a life of service for His sake. Mere belief may gain us Heaven, but we must labor would we grow in grace. Many of us who would be ashamed to be rated as "just passed" in the records of the high life's victories, seem to be very well satisfied to slide into Heaven with but small margin to spare. The best of our love and our work is none too much because of the apostle was right when in the words of the text we are advised as unreservedly to put on Jesus Christ. Thus only can we become like children of men to whom we should be—for the fullness of the Christ is perfection.

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Well, to be sure the first answer will be that the nature of that spiritual life wherewith we are to be reclothed or clothed upon, as the case may be, is essentially Christly. The apostle advises us to be Christlike when he points us to Jesus. Necessarily and logically, therefore, we will be men who live and who live Jesus Christ. The hymn which runs, "Jesus Christ is my all and in all," states the situation perfectly. Self is glorified through the losing of self in the Saviour.

To put on Jesus Christ and to be clothed upon by Him is to be saved, to grow from grace unto grace, to be one of that strong, full-blooded, sanctified host who, under God, live and preach the Christ life. You will notice I say live and preach, for the Christian life is of value only as that, in the long run, will count for anything very much is the preaching that flows rich and full and free out of a life that is consistent, that first, true; out of a heart rich with exercise of the glorious joys and possibilities of the life within Jesus. And as with the preaching, so also with all the means by which God's Gospel is dedicated to men. The preaching money which secures results is that which springs from a trusted source. The only word which will arrive home is that which has behind it a conviction and a deliverance that is born of experimental knowledge. To preach Christ with power we must be accounted sincere and sure.

The Christ life will be the measure of our lasting influence with men, of our favor in the sight of God, of the amount of Heaven's happiness that shall fill our hearts. The way unto "righteousness and peace and joy" is through thorough-going union within the Christ. He is the mediator of our sure salvation. He is the leader who can bring us perfect love and who is worthy of our aid. Within Him and clothed with the power that He gives we may fear naught but God. Without Him all is vanity. Are you weary? Put on Christ. Are you sad or sick or do you wish the richest joy? Turn to Jesus. He is the healer of the whole world's ills. He is the Saviour who can really give salvation.

The burden of our text is a call for the strict and whole-hearted allegiance of the individual man and Christian to Jesus Christ. "Put ye on the Lord Jesus," says Saint Paul, and the implication is that we are to dwell wholly within the Christ. And call is for men and for women who will be clothed upon with Jesus Christ—not merely once but continually—into the attainment of the perfect likeness of our Lord.

Now the text brings us face to face —do we think a moment—with these two separate and distinct truths. The first is that it is the duty of every man to enter into the Christ life. The second is that having entered into that life we must progress toward Christlikeness. That is to say, we must grow continually toward spiritual maturity and toward the perfectness of character which should accept the Lord as Saviour, for His power to save is a fact proven and attested by a long line of human experience. As the Christian should grow into new and richer graces, for than only do we evidence our love for that Master whom we serve.

The duty which we have predicated to be obligatory upon every man is one upon a need. The man who neglects to obey the call of Christ, for entire yielding of self up to God, destroys for himself the greatest blessing which, in life, may be attained, and which God proffers to human kind. Only as we accept the Christ as our Saviour and our Friend are we surest of life eternal and of fellowship with the Father here. Convinced of the awfulness of our own sin, as every normal, right-minded man must be, it is clearly as much a necessity as an obligation for each of us to seek and to secure that certain cleansing from the stain of an evil life which God has sent us through His Holy Spirit, our Elder Brother, Desiring, as we all do, the highest happiness for self, it is hard to understand how we refuse the Gospel. Hoping, as each of us should hope, for the accomplishment of the greatest usefulness in the world, it is difficult to believe that men can, deliberately and wilfully, disdain to accept that Heaven-born power which can make us most worth while. Purity, happiness, success. All these can be had at the hands of God Himself if men will but heed the Gospel of His Son. Wise is the sinning soul who believes. For he who loves Christ, lives best.

If the need of the man who is far away from God is great to put on Christ, the obligation of the Christian to be continuously clothed upon by Christ is just as real. We must never be ignorant that spiritual life with which the Christ in our first acceptance of Him hath clothed us. The Christ life permits neither standoffills nor retrogression. We must be on the move and that always ahead. To stand still is to stagnate. We must push on. Desire for the noble and grander attainment in the Godblessed life should always accompany us as with a fire. Our faculties should be concentrated and our every earnest success but upon future accomplishment. Self-survey is a good thing if so be it lead not to self-satisfaction. Proper self-survey, however, is most profitable which takes stock of mistakes and which incites to further and finer effort. Belief on Christ is not merely assent to a fact, but the consecration of the soul to a life of service for His sake. Mere belief may gain us Heaven, but we must labor would we grow in grace. Many of us who would be ashamed to be rated as "just passed" in the records of the high life's victories, seem to be very well satisfied to slide into Heaven with but small margin to spare. The best of our love and our work is none too much because of the apostle was right when in the words of the text we are advised as unreservedly to put on Jesus Christ. Thus only can we become like children of men to whom we should be—for the fullness of the Christ is perfection.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

FEBRUARY SEVENTEENTH

An Easy Life Versus a Hard One.—2 Tim. 2:1-13.

Wasting case. Luke 18:18-27.
Turning back. John 6:66-71.
Wasting hard things. Josh. 14:6-15.
Glorying in tribulations. Rom. 5: 1-5.
Christ's hard things. Heb. 12:1-4.
The endurer's promise. Mark 12:9-13.

We do not think of grace and strength together, yet they belong together, especially when the grace is Christ's (v. 1).

Not merely "sombre hardness," but "suffer hardship with me" (v. 3, revised version).

What can we not endure, when we have a comrade?

A man is free though in chains, if his soul is a part of the things that cannot be chained (v. 9).

Who would mind hardships, if at the end of them lay even an earthly crown? And how if an eternal crown? (v. 12).

Suggestions.

Those who are always looking for "soft snaps" get a hard life.

While we advance we want an easier life than Christ had. Shall the disciple be above his Lord?

All tasks worth the doing are difficult at first. If they were easy, greatness would not be possible for any man.

The rock that is easiest to cut in the quarry is not used in the tallest buildings.

Illustrations.

It is not soft beds, but hard ones, that mean healthy bodies.

It is easier to run over a hard-rocked road than over a bed of mud. Bishop William Taylor, in the discussion himself to hardness, was in the habit of carrying a flat stone with him, and using it for his pillow.

"Iron will sharpen iron"—or character—you rub them on something hard.

Questions.

Am I seeking an easy life, or to do God's will?

Am I keeping at difficulties until they become easy?

What is my solace in hardships?

EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

The Divine Purpose for Us.—Eph. 4. 11-16.—Studies in Christian Experience.

Passages for reference: Acts 20. 32; Rom. 8. 1, 2; Eph. 5. 26, 27.

God has a purpose in human lives and we do well only when we try to realize that purpose in our experiences. Ephesians gives to us the loftiest purpose which our heavenly Father has for us. It seems from this passage that he has taken into account our associated life, and so has bestowed upon men different powers that each will have a place should not be perfect, and that in working out his purpose a spirit of unity should be inspired by a spirit of mutual helpfulness. Perfect manhood after the pattern Jesus is the ideal set before us.

The first two verses of the twelfth of Romans are a wonderful appeal to men to "present their bodies" being in subjection to the transforming power of the Spirit of God in order that his perfect will may be wrought out. The high aim that God has for his whole church is declared in Ephesians. "That he might present to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." If it is ours, then the perfection must be in the individual members.

The Bible is not an announcement of some strong thing that has the possibility of tangible existence. It simply declares what can be made reality. It tells us also what he may have if he meets the conditions. It tells us what Christ has already done for us. It tells us how to make the thing done in our behalf a personal reality in our lives. The word proclaims great truths and talks of wonderful things in the ages and gardens, and growth, and holiness. It tells us how to get them, and how we may keep them.

Bible Truths are to be experienced. Many a finespun theory of men has never been reduced to practice. But truth of Scripture can be experienced. The power of Christianity is in the personal life and in the experience.

A FELINE HEROINE.

During the fire in the Tyner Block, Hartford City, Ind., there was an unusual exhibition of feline instinct, says the Syracuse Standard.

While the flames and smoke filled the room a cat, which had a family of four in the rear of the store, made use of the fire escape in rescuing her kittens. She carried Christianity's across counters and shelves to reach a safe nest under the eaves of the building. Here she left them and went after the other two.

The mother cat was drenched on her return trip, but safely carried the third to the landing. The fourth was abandoned after she had made a final effort to go back into the store. The firemen, noticing her efforts, rescued the fourth.

As They Impressed Her.

Little Kitty, who had happened to be the only one at home when the strangers called, was trying to describe them. "One of 'em was a good deal younger than the other," she said, "and he's the one that did the talking. He wanted to know when you'd be back."

"How did he look?" asked her father. "Did he have any beard?"

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BACK TO NATURE.

Wealthy Swiss Woman Lived in the Woods and Acted Like an Ape.

Scientists are greatly interested in a woman who has reverted to the habits of the highest apes, who, in seven years of solitary wandering in lonely mountains, has forgotten the civilizing influences into which she was born and has regained the superacute sense of hearing and the tree climbing power which prehistoric man possessed.

She is a widow of a wealthy merchant of Geneva. Some time before her husband's death she deserted their luxurious home in this city and vanished utterly. Some whispered that she was jealous of a certain opera singer. Others gossiped that she gambled and had contracted debts of which she dared not tell her husband. Again, it was said that for her eccentricities she had been immured in a neighboring asylum.

It is known now that the woman, who was delicately reared, went away. She wandered into the thick forests of Hautesavoy, a most sparsely settled country. There she has existed for seven years, munching nuts and berries, seeking refuge in lonely grottoes against the winter's rigors.

Growing bolder at last, she penetrated to the outer edge of the forest. Her appearance, almost demoniac, terrified the peasants, who told the police of the wild vision that had presented itself. She eluded the police by darting into fastnesses from that they could not penetrate, or by swinging herself from one of the tree branches far above the ground.

Even when they captured her the police could do nothing with her. She mumbled a jargon. She has been positively identified. Her husband and friends have been notified, but likely she will enjoy it, for she has become a favorite with the wild beasts, says the Geneva Correspondence Chicago Inter-Ocean.

The Philosophic Grocer.

A retail grocer of Burlington displays on his store window fresh eggs and placards. He is a recognized adept in rhyming and effective ad. writing, especially in the common enemy is for them to fight between themselves. And he proclaims an freedom: "Let there be no strife—for we are brothers," with beautiful spirit he offers Lot the initial choice: "if you will take the left hand then will I go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then will I go to the left." There is no trace of passion, no evidence of self-aggrandizement. The only thing I care for is peace and harmony between their herdsmen. Abram is a man of peace and of the unselfish spirit. His riches have made him neither hard nor grasping. He surveys the landscape as it stretches toward the four winds of heaven and he sees opportunity abundant for them both. With a wise economy he perceives that war is the last thing that must come to pass between Lot and himself; that with Canaanites and Perizzites still in the country life will be perilous at best, without any family feuds; that the one way to invite conquest and attack is to be enemies among ourselves. And he proclaims an independence of Lot, which is positively startling. It is, "Close." Lot was so anxious to secure the best in sight for himself that he even forgot his manners.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 17. BY THE REV. I. W. HENDERSON.

Subject: Lot's Choice. Gen. 13:1-13 —Golden Text: Gen. 12:15— Memory Verses: 8, 9—Helpful Notes.

Last week's lesson completed with the arrival of Abram and Lot with their retainers, slaves and possessions, in the land of Canaan. While there a grievous famine arises. There is not enough food for a subsistence diet. Starvation stares them. Canaan is barren. Egypt is the granary of the world. Here if anywhere there will be food. And so into the dominions of Pharaoh, southward from Canaan, they journey. While there Abram has trouble with the Egyptians because of the relations of Abimilech, King of Gerar, with Sarai. God brings a swift judgment upon the house of the Pharaoh. He dignifies Abram among and delivers him from the hands of the Egyptians.

Released from their troublous environment in Egypt and cut by out of Egypt into Southern Judah." The years have brought Granting an hour Abram and Lot. What with their cattle and flocks, their precious and gold and tents, they were rich men. With these possessions they journey as far as "between Bethel and Hai, unto the place of the altar," which aforetime Abram had erected.

Abram and Lot have such numerous herds and flocks that the land is incompetent to support them. Their herdsmen fight. Grazing and even watering places are equally subjects of dispute and strife. The feud was between their retainers is imminent. It opens between the chieftains is likely. The situation is fraught with peril. Then Abram is a man of peace and of the unselfish spirit. His riches have made him neither hard nor grasping. He surveys the landscape as it stretches toward the four winds of heaven and he sees opportunity abundant for them both. With a wise economy he perceives that war is the last thing that must come to pass between Lot and himself; that with Canaanites and Perizzites still in the country life will be perilous at best, without any family feuds; that the one way to invite conquest and attack is to be enemies among ourselves. And he proclaims an independence of Lot, which is positively startling. It is, "Close." Lot was so anxious to secure the best in sight for himself that he even forgot his manners.

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Mrs. L. Madison, A. M., Principal of High School, Paintsville, Ky., writes: "Peruna is the most effective remedy for la grippe I have ever used. It also cured my wife of nasal catarrh. I feel safe in saying to all that she could not at night breathe for 20 years."

La Grippe and Systemic Catarrh.

Dr. Jennie W. Gilmore, Box 44, White Sulphur Springs, Mont., writes: "Two years ago I had la grippe, followed by chronic catarrh. The only thing I found was Peruna and Manalin, and I have been a better health the last three years than for years before."

Peruna Cures Catarrh.

Mrs. Jane Gray, Athens, Ohio, writes: "Two years ago I had la grippe very bad. My head bought on a cold which settled in my throat. I was able to do my work."

Suffered Twelve Years From After Effects of La Grippe.

Mr. Victor Bernard, 2328 Madison St., Topeka, Kan., writes: "Twelve years ago I had a severe attack of la grippe and I never really recovered my health until I began using Peruna. I am using Peruna and it built up my strength so that in a couple of months I was able to go to work."

Pneumonia Followed La Grippe.

Mr. T. Barnecott, West Aylmer, Ontario, Can., writes:

"Last winter I was ill with pneumonia after having a grippe. I took Peruna for two months, when I became quite well."

Peruna—A Tonic After La Grippe.

Mrs. E. Zeller, Box 25, Delaware, Ohio, writes: "After a severe attack of la grippe, I took Peruna and found it a very good tonic."

Don't Weigh In Public.

"I never get weighed in public places any more," said the thin woman. "The ceremony draws too big a crowd. Just as sure as a person begins to daily around a weighing machine she becomes a magnet for all the idlers in the neighborhood. They cease their chatter and their aimless staring and crowd forward trying to read the figures. Then they keep up a fire of comment. 'Geo', says one, 'I didn't think she'd go that high.' 'I thought,' says another, 'that she'd weight a little more than that.' And the person who strikes a happy medium these days ought to be given a prize by the Society, and made such an impression on the fashionable people of the town that further his musical education. He studied for a short time at Warsaw.

Everybody Worked But Father.

Charged with imperilling the health of his 7-year-old son Nicholas, Luigi Cabelo was arraigned in court in Jersey City in default of bail. Frank McCabe, who is a special police officer, said that he saw the boy wearing nothing but a tattered pair of trousers and a thin blouse carrying a large bag of goods box through Leonard Street. The boy's legs were covered with sores and he was without rags for him. Cabe said he found the rubbers from the boy's feet in the street. Medicine took the boy to the Children's Society. Marietta was found in his home sitting by the fire. His wife, the court was told, was out washing to earn money for the family. The boy and it was one of his duties to go into the business district and beg or get at least one large boxes for the family stove.

Eggs Thrown At Irish Comedians.

Twenty-two persons were arrested in the Lyric Theatre, Great Pulteney Street and Rockwell Place, Brooklyn, Saturday night, charged with rioting. They were in the theatre when eggs, small stones and vegetables were thrown at the Russell Brothers, vaudeville performers, who were following a line of business as "The Irish Servant Girls." The Russells were driven from the stage and the audience was driven out. The police were compelled to use their clubs before they could restore order. Many of the persons arrested were ladies. The disorderliness of the Irish-born Several pretended have been made. When the Russells appeared at 10.15 o'clock a voice from the orchestra cried, "Let 'er go!" and the performance was resumed. The piece was continued after the patrol wagon took away the egg-throwers.

Revolution-Maker Pardoned.

Capt. George Washington Bolling, soldier of fortune and maker of South American revolutions while you wait, was released from Blackwell's Island, pardoned by President Roosevelt. He will be received like a member of a six-month sentence at hard labor on Saturday. He was convicted in connection with a fraudulent sale of his own composition to Michel Levitzky, a Russian Jew, who lives at 305 South First Street, Williamsburg. The lad came to this country a few weeks ago with his parents, who were driven from Russia by the steamer stopped at Antwerp, where the lad got aboard the Royal Dutch Society, and made such an impression on the fashionable people of the town that further his musical education. He studied for a short time at Warsaw.

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Bolling Coffee Kills Two.

Bolling coffee is the name of Leon Welz, 59 Ridge Street extinguished the fires in the stoves and the aged man and his wife were asphyxiated. He was 70 years old and his wife 65. They got up at 6.30 o'clock, put the coffee on to boil and then lay down for a nap. When he did not make his appearance the neighbors made an investigation and found the couple dead in their room. Judge Geets declared the aged man had more than $10,000 in banks.

Judge Gets A Real Lemon.

A sensation was caused in Hyman Lazard's Fourth Street, whose complaint of disorderly conduct made against her niece, Miss May Murphy, of 59 East Fourth Street, had been dismissed. Mrs. Hollister swept out of the room after the decision, highly indignant. In a few minutes she returned, hurried up to the Recorder's desk and presented the lemon. The Court smiled, accepted the fruit and remarked that lemons are pretty high nowadays.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY.

Some of the Things Done Daily in the Metropolis.

"Starving family with any work to do for winter; clothing and shoes wanted; landowner will put them on the street; I will give my skin and blood before they go homeless. Janitress, 112 East Eighty-eighth Street."

His wife having put the foregoing advertisement in the newspapers, Alois Hoffman, a baker, declares, as his last resort, that he will sell his skin for grafting purposes and his life fluid for purposes of experiment for money to keep his wife and two children from starving. Mrs. Hoffman has until recently managed to get her rent, gas and coal free of charge by acting as janitress of the building, while her husband, traveling from one end of the city to the other, has endeavored to earn enough pennies to buy his family their meagre daily fare. Several days ago, however, the owner of the building informed the Hoffmans that they would be required to vacate their cellar room, because, he alleged, their services as caretakers had been unsatisfactory to the tenants. Mrs. Hoffman said that they were to be put out in the street because the tenants had complained of the lack of hot water.

American Flag Not A Toy.

Under no circumstances is the American flag to be regarded as a toy, according to the ruling of United States General Appraisers. The Board decided that Takito & Co. of Chicago and other Japanese importers classed as toys bring in flags and Stripes under the toy schedule of the Dingley tariff. The flags, in the first case under order of the Board, are not over an inch and one-half in length, and in the second case are "manufactures of silk." The importers argued that the flags should be admitted at 35 per cent. ad valorem. The decision General Appraiser Sherrits says: "We do not think that the American flag, however diminutive, is commercially, or commonly or nationally regarded as a plaything for children. We do not find that the flags in dispute are not toys."

A Youthful Musical Prodigy.

A youthful prodigy in the person of Moses Levitz, 8½ years old, amazed a large audience with his knowledge of the piano at the graduation exercises of Public School 37, on South Fourth Street, Williamsburg. The boy, whose parents are of Russian rendered four selections, one of which, a fantastic of his own composition, began with a scherzo, which the boy's correct name is Michel Levitzky, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Levitzsky, who live at 305 South First Street, Williamsburg. The lad came to this country a few weeks ago with his parents, who were driven from Russia by the steamer stopped at Antwerp, where the lad got aboard the Royal Dutch Society, and made such an impression on the fashionable people of the town that further his musical education. He studied for a short time at Warsaw.

Everybody Worked But Father.

Charged with imperilling the health of his 7-year-old son Nicholas, Luigi Cabelo was arraigned in court in Jersey City in default of bail. Frank McCabe, who is a special police officer, said that he saw the boy wearing nothing but a tattered pair of trousers and a thin blouse carrying a large bag of goods box through Leonard Street. The boy's legs were covered with sores and he was without rags for him. Cabe said he found the rubbers from the boy's feet in the street. Medicine took the boy to the Children's Society. Marietta was found in his home sitting by the fire. His wife, the court was told, was out washing to earn money for the family. The boy and it was one of his duties to go into the business district and beg or get at least one large boxes for the family stove.

COMMERCIAL COLUMN.

Weekly Review of Trade and Latest Market Reports.

New York.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly of Trade says:

Although the average of the 60 most active railway securities fell during the week to the lowest point since 1904, there was no corresponding reaction in commercial activity which continued beyond precedent. Reports from leading manufacturing centers indicate that scarcely any idle machinery can be found, preparations for future trade evidencing a confidence in well maintained consumption. Forward business is most extensive in the iron and steel manufacture and the cotton industry, but other prominent producers have liberal contracts on hand also, and the mercantile outlook is bright. Wholesale houses receive large contracts for spring delivery, especially in dry goods lines and the settled winter weather has produced a wholesome reduction in retail stocks of heavy-weight wearing apparel and other seasonable merchandise.

Notable strength is still the feature in the primary markets for cotton goods, and predictions of further advances are being realized constantly, despite apparent precedents to the contrary. A general resume of the situation discloses a level of prices and scarcity of supplies that has not existed since the civil war. Nowhere is there is the additional factor of no elements threatening weakness, though quotations are conceded to be abnormally high.

Commodity markets have shown very little activity during the past week, and variations in prices were fractional.

Wholesale Markets.

Baltimore.—Spot, contract 78½@78¾; January, 78½@78¾; March, 79¾@79¾; May, 81¾@82; steamer, No. 2 red, 76¼@76½; Southern on grade, 73½@78¾.

Corn—Firm; spot, 50@50¼; January, 50@50¼; March 50@ 50¾; May, 51@51¼; steamer, mixed, 48@48¾; Southern, white, 48¾@50; Southern, yellow, 47¾@ 49¾.

Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 43¾; No. 3 white, 42½@42¾; No. 2 mixed, 41¾@42.

Rye—Steady; No. 2 Western, domestic, 70@71; choice, 75.

Butter—Steady and unchanged; fancy imitation, 23@23½; fancy ladle, 21@22; store packed, 17@18.

Eggs—Firm and unchanged at 24.

Cheese—Active and unchanged; large, 14¼; medium, 14¾; small, 14¾.

New York.—Wheat — Receipts, 32,600 bushels; exports, 4,950 bushels. Spot firm; No. 2 red, 82¾, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 82¾, f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, 87½, f. o. b. afloat.

Corn—Receipts, 80,625 bushels; exports, 1,350 bushels. Spot firm; No. 2, 56¾, elevator, and 57, f. o. b. afloat. No. 2 yellow, 62½; No. 2 white, 53.

Oats—Receipts, 60,000 bushels; exports, 1,850 bushels. Spot strong; mixed oats, 26@32 pounds, 31¾@32; natural white, 30@33 pounds, 44@45; clipped white, 36@40 pounds, 45@48.

Eggs—Easier; receipts, 14,179; State, Pennsylvania, and nearby fancy selected white, 30@31; choice, 28@29; mixed extras, 28@29; Western fresh, 26; official transfers, 26); seconds, 25@25½.

Poultry—Alive, firm; Western fowls, 13½; turkeys, 13; dressed, firm; Western fowls, 13@16; turkeys, 14@17; fowls, 8@14.

Philadelphia.—Wheat firm and ¼c higher; contract grade, February, 78 @78¾; Corn firm; February, 49½@ 50. Oats, firmer; No. 2 white natural, 44c.

Butter firm; extra Western creamery, official price, 33c; street price, 32½; extra nearby prints, 34c.

Eggs firm; nearby fresh and Western fresh, 30c; fancy selected, firm; New York full cream, fancy, 14½; do, choice, 14¼; do, fair to good, 13½.

Live poultry firm; fowls, 13@14c; old roosters, 10@10c; chickens, 16@ 13½; ducks, 14@15; geese, 13@14c; turkeys, 14@15c.

Live Stock.

New York.—Beeves—Dressed beef in fair demand at 7c to 9c per pound for native sides. Liverpool cables unchanged to ½c lower at 12c to 13c per pound; extra do, 15c; country dressed, 7c to 8½c.

Hogs—Steady for hogs; easier for pigs; quotations, $7.25 to 7.50.

Chicago, Ill.—Cattle—Market strong; common to prime steers, $4.00@7.00; cows, 2.75@5.00; heifers, 2.60@5.25; bulls, 3.00@4.50; calves, 2.75@6.00; stockers and feeders, 2.75@4.90.

Hogs—Market 5@10c higher; choice heavy shipping, 6.87@7.00; light butchers, 6.82½@6.97½; light mixed, 6.90@6.97½; choice lig'ht, 6.92½@6.97½; packing, 6.80@ 6.85; pigs, 6.40@6.85; bulk of sales, 6.90@6.97½.

WORTH REMEMBERING

There are in the world 11 cities that have a population of a million.

Agricultural workers in Germany show a total of 882 societies, with a membership of 231,912.

Eighty-five women bootblacks are numbered among the industrial workers of the United States.

Police of the city of New York arrest each day an average of 100 men who say that they have no occupation.

Over 20,000 passengers were handled in and out of Havana by the various lines during the past tourist season of December, January, February and March.

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